

SPOKE

Conestoga College, Monday, March 19, 1990

Stratford campus to be lost to festival

By Stephanie Donkers

Conestoga College's Stratford campus has been given to the Stratford Festival by the provincial government to improve vehicle access to the Festival's main stage.

The land transfer was announced Feb. 7 at a press conference in Stratford.

The four acres of land adjacent to the Festival's main stage will be used to build a ring road and for parking.

Stratford Festival has been pursuing ownership of the land for about three years. Conestoga College's President John Tibbits said six months ago the government said the change would not be made.

Tibbits said he wasn't pleased with the lack of warning about the

land transfer.

Kevin Mullan, vice-president of finance and administration operations at Conestoga College's Doon campus, said, to his understanding there was "no official communications between the province and the college".

The government has guaranteed a ten-year lease.

"That's good enough as far as long-range planning goes," Tibbits said.

He said Gary Thomas, Stratford Festival's chief administrator, told him the transfer will have minimal effect on the college. The only difference is the Festival will become the campus's landlord instead of the provincial government.

"There will be little or no impact in the foreseeable future," Tibbits said.



Christine Scott (R) and Andrew Winter (L), both accounting students, enjoy the unusually warm weather on March 13.
(Photo by Janet Kauk/Spoke)

Lack of space a problem for recycling program

By Janet Kauk

The recycling committee at Conestoga College's Doon Campus would like to get the recycling program running, but they cannot find space to continue the program or enough student volunteers to sort recyclable materials.

The committee was formed in September 1988 by Dave Jackson, co-ordinator for the computer programmer/analyst program. Assisting him were Lorelee Heron, a nursing student, and Jeff Sutton, a business student.

Now, the program has expanded to include Kelly MacDonald, a graphic arts student, Penny Dibben, a journalism student, Lynda Johnson, secretary for the Doon Student Association, and Don Bloc, electronics engineering faculty.

The volunteers distribute boxes throughout the college in which people are to place recyclable paper. The volunteers cover the majority of the college, but not enough, according to Jackson.

He would like five volunteers from the C-wing and two or three more volunteers from A-wing and B-wing to distribute boxes and sort through the recyclable materials for at least one hour a week.

"People have been actively supporting small boxes. However, we are still having difficulty with people committing themselves to one hour a week," he said.

Barry Milner, manager of physical resources, held a meeting in February to get different faculties in the college involved. Employees in housekeeping services have volunteered to distribute and pick up the cardboard boxes and take them to the old woodskills area in the technology wing.

"We must prove that it is totally supported by students to get college backing," Jackson said.

"This is so important. The college is doing their part. Now it's up to the students," Lynda Johnson said.

The problem of space also arises. Portions of the administration per-

sonnel, currently located in the portables, are being moved temporarily to the old woodskills area while the new administration building is being constructed.

This puts the recycling committee in a bind as administration is vying for their space in the wing.

"Barry is trying to rework the woodskills area and keep us in there," Jackson said.

The committee had planned to distribute drums throughout the college at the beginning of March to collect pop cans. But, with administrations move, they cannot start the second phase of their program.

Jackson would like to make use of the unused portables by placing one near the woodworking centre.

Tri-tech recycling is currently picking up the recyclable materials. They charge \$35 (locally) for pick up and distribute the recyclables to various centres.

The recycling committee makes about \$500 a year on the program and has decreased the college's garbage fees.

Amendments needed to stop DSA fighting

By Janet Kauk

Fighting among the Doon Student Association executive members will come to an end if changes recommended by the constitution committee are passed.

John Lassel, president of DSA, hopes to solve problems in the four meetings the committee will hold until April.

The constitution is an umbrella for the DSA, Lassel said. While the constitution is reviewed every year, the committee is taking an in-depth look at certain aspects.

The following are changes Lassel and Liz Hermle, a committee member, recommended at the March 6 meeting:

—Vice-presidents will be appointed or elected to each program area whereby students in that program can take their concerns. The vice-presidents would be responsible for reporting these concerns to the board of directors.

Currently, there are student representatives, but Lassel and Hermle would like to designate the vice-presidents to take some of the workload off the vice-president of DSA who oversees the board of directors and students representatives.

—Job descriptions of assistants and full-time staff will be made clearer.

—Election procedures will be revamped.

—A specified grade-point average will be required for presidential and vice-presidential candidates, as well as for those in office. This would pertain to all executive members, excluding full-time staff.

—An organizational chart will be made of the DSA executive, their responsibilities, and a chain of

command.

—A group will be formed, separate from DSA, to run election campaigns. This will include the appointment of a chief returning officer and a nomination committee.

—Expansion of the executive is proposed. Lassel pointed out that the present staff has a heavy workload.

Hermle said that Conestoga College and Candor College are the only post-secondary schools without a minimum grade requirement for potential electoral candidates.

"It's embarrassing to a certain extent," Lassel said.

Lassel considers the organizational chart a main concern.

"Everyone is supposed to report to the president. All I got was lip service," he said.

Lassel said executive meetings have turned into cat and dog fights with too much student politics going on and with the non-student, full-time staff getting involved.

Lassel found the full-time staff cautious of the proposed changes.

"They are concerned about some of their job descriptions. They feel threatened," he said.

While members of the full-time staff feel their roles will be diminished, Lassel said their jobs will only be redefined.

"A lot of the time, they (executive members) want to keep things quiet. It keeps DSA a nice, neat package, and it makes students intimidated," he said.

Hermle said there are a lot of "cliques and buddies" in the DSA office, and it is not what Lassel and Hermle want.

"We're all supposed to be there working for the student body," Hermle said.



Dave Jackson (R), co-ordinator of the computer programmer/analyst, and Gary Trautman, housekeeping staff.
(Photo by Janet Kauk/Spoke)

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Faculty creates an obstacle

By Bridget Bryans

This is an open letter to the administration and faculty of Conestoga College.

Spoke is not your enemy.

When we, reporters from Spoke, ask for information we are not harassing you. We are doing a job, a job this college recognizes as a formal part of the journalism program.

Our instructors are respected journalists. They will not permit us to publish 'yellow journalism' even if we want to.

I believe the students have a right know to what is going on in the college and what is happening in regards to their education. It is my job to inform them.

The fact that some members of the faculty disagree on a particular matter does not mean that no one else should know about it.

"Not in front of the children" went out of fashion 20 years ago, and students at this college are not children to be kept in the dark.

Why is it that when this reporter called a certain dean's office for information on changes to general education, I was treated as if neither I nor any student has the right to know?

Why was I told that a meeting between President Tibbitts and the deans was taking place at an unknown location at an unspecified time?

Am I to believe that busy people like Tibbitts and the deans don't know what they are doing, or where?

Given the generally high calibre of the staff at this college, I find it hard to accept inefficiency as an explanation for the confusion.

For the last two weeks, I have tried to dig up information on the decentralization of the general education department, as have previous reporters on Spoke. There has been some progress made. We have the views of some members of the general education department and the results of a survey that department made of the students in October, 1989. Both were against the move.

No information has been forthcoming in support of the change.

Please, tell me why decentralization is a good idea? I want to know.

When I have that information, I can write a story presenting both sides of the issue.

For administration, faculty and staff, this college is a job, an important job. A job that has the potential to shape the lives of the students, but, nonetheless, just a job.

For us, (students) this is a watershed experience. What happens to us here will affect the decisions that we make for the rest of our lives.

I take your jobs seriously and, as a reporter, I would appreciate the same courtesy from other members of the community.

OPINION



ELECTORAL '90



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AP/90

Here comes the sun, little darlin'

By Stephanie Donkers

March came in like a lion and suddenly departed like a lamb, but who's complaining?

The Doon Student Association's presidential elections this past week have created a somewhat sombre atmosphere throughout the college and I think it's time we looked on the "brighter" side of things.

The sudden surge of warm weather that we have experienced has sent a spirited wave through the student body; urging them to take full advantage of the sun's generosity. Students were lured outside to soak up the warm rays, to eat lunch, have a cigarette or simply to rid themselves of the winter blues. Already this week, many of us have fought the overwhelming temptation to cut classes in exchange

for a few cold beers in the sunshine with some friends.

Who can resist?

It's been tough trying to ignore motorbikes and convertibles which acknowledge pleasant days while we are on our way to stuffy classrooms; hard to ignore those cars, with the windows rolled down, blasting music.

Immediately, it seems as if we are reminded of the fun and excitement of summer as the last of the snow melts away.

Is mother nature teasing us? Raising our hopes?

We will just have to wait and see.

For now, get out those T-shirts and shorts!

Get ready sand, sun and summer!

We gladly accept your arrival.

Candidates' enthusiasm raises spirit at Conestoga College

By Brian Brodersen

By the time this is read, the DSA elections will be over and we will all know who won.

But right now, in the midst of voting, only God knows who will emerge victorious.

Prevailing wisdom in the Spoke office is that it will be a close race between John Lassell and Steve Roth. While Peter Dooley performed well at the campaign speeches March 12, he simply has not conducted the sort of aggressive, visible campaign that Lassell and Roth have, and will probably not be a contender.

Lassell has campaigned from the beginning

as the candidate with experience. He has appeared well-versed on the issues and seems to know what has to be done. He wants to continue the reforms he said he started this year. In the speeches he handled himself with the confidence of a seasoned political veteran.

Roth presented himself as the candidate of fun and good times. He handed out popcorn and toast and had his hair cut in the lobby. He posed with Captain Kangaroo and Mr. Rogers.

This sort of campaign is suited to someone running for high school president, a position Roth held at St. Jerome's, but here it did not seem to go over as well.

The DSA president is responsible for spending about \$250,000 of student money. This is a lot of money so the presidential position is a serious job.

Roth gathered some support and got rous-

ing applause at the speeches from his fellow broadcasting students, but many students seemed unimpressed, as evidenced by the pointed and seemingly hostile questions directed at him during the speeches. He changed gears in the second week of the campaign and emphasized the issues as well as promoted his fun image, something he failed to do in the first week.

Whether he was convincing or not will be known March 15, when the election results are announced.

My prediction is that he was not convincing enough. I predict a close race, with Lassell winning by a nose.

But whatever the results, it has been a hugely successful campaign. Spoke staff has been told by numerous people that there has been more spirit, more student interest and involvement in this campaign than in any other in the 20-year history of the school.

Lassell summed up the mood when speaking about a letter that appeared in last week's Spoke that put him in a bad light. He said at least people are taking the time to respond, to think about the issues and to form an opinion about them.

We at Spoke wish the winner, whoever he should turn out to be, the best of luck, and would like to congratulate the others on a race well run.

One final word. The focus throughout the campaign has been on the presidential race. All three vice-presidential candidates have conducted themselves well and have run a good clean campaign, unmarred by the "politics," as Roth put it, that have been a part of the presidential campaign. We would like to wish the winner in this race the best of luck as well.

Ask Pat

If you have a question for counsellor Pat Trudeau drop off a letter to any Student Services office or mail to: c/o Pat Trudeau, Student Services, Conestoga College Guelph Campus, 160 Speedvale Ave. W., Guelph, Ont., N1H 6N6. All letters should include a first name and telephone number as well as pseudonym.



Dear Pat,

Well I have to tell you that your column is great and keep up the good work. But, I also have a problem for you. I'm not too sure what to do. I have a family of my own. I am a single parent, I would like to stay in school and go on to get a career happening but I am finding it extremely hard to keep up between school and family life. I am in the midst of looking for a place to live. I need to keep up with the household duties for a large family and be able to take time out everyday to go to and from school. I am not too sure if I want to continue with schooling right now or if I should take some time out and try to get my family life organized as my kids are very uneasy about me leaving them everyday. But I figure the only way to get anywhere in life is to keep at it. However, there is a lot of conflict right now in my family. What should I do?

Signed, Confused

Dear Confused,

You raise many of the difficulties faced by mature students returning to school—guilt over children, parent-child conflict, inner conflict over family responsibilities versus long term career goals, housing, time and anxiety.

How do you satisfy your needs and still satisfy the needs of all family members? Perhaps you cannot. Consider delegating appropriate tasks to the children and/or other relatives. Become the president of the "Back to School" project and make them your partners in this new enterprise. Explain how much greater the long term rewards will if everyone contributes and co-operates. Offer tangible incentives like a trip or a new household treat when you finish school and attain a good job.

There is usually some backlash from family members when one upsets the status quo in favor of an outside activity. Discuss the household changes and ensure that everyone understands the reasons. Let kids express concerns and make suggestions.

Child care arrangements can be a worry. Do you have adequate help and a back-up system? Network with other sole-support parents. They can be a support and source of ideas.

Finally, please feel free to come into student services to discuss the problems with a counsellor. You can also get some help with time management, career planning and developing coping strategies. Also, housing lists are available. Pat.

You tell us:

Who's side are you on Ivana's or Donald Trumps?



"Donald's because it's his money—let him keep it."
Merv Tilbury
Third-year accounting



"Donald's because I hate to see people get divorced and take someone else's money."
Mike Coughlan
First-year broadcasting radio and television



"Donald's because Ivana signed the agreement she shouldn't be a greedy pig and want more of his money."
John Burdett
First-year law and security



I'm on Ivana's side. Women have to stick together and get all they can."
Michelle Godin
First-year nursing

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor,

As it stands now, parents pursuing a graduate degree, additional diploma or certificate, are ineligible to apply for subsidized day care spaces, according to the Regional Municipality of Waterloo's priority system.

Whether they are single or not, at the poverty line or below it, such parents are systematically denied access to the region's subsidy program. However, undergraduate parents are eligible for this subsidy. The arbitrary nature of such a priority system discriminates against all other post-secondary students on the basis of their education.

On Feb. 28, 1990, the region's Health and Social Services Committee considered amending the priority system to include parents who are ill, disabled or attending a day treatment program, as well as those who may already have one degree and are pursuing another, or a diploma or certificate.

A delegation from the Waterloo Regional Coalition for Better Daycare and a single mother graduate student voiced their concerns about this unfair priority system. Their position was supported by the staff, who administer the region's daycare subsidy program, and have been at a loss to respond to students' challenges. Staff recommends that the priority system be extended to include these students, as long as they are financially eligible.

Despite the very real possibility of legal action under human rights legislation, the committee decided to defer its decision on eligibility pending a public meeting to discuss daycare in Waterloo region. It was suggested that this meeting be scheduled for some time in April. The timing makes it difficult for many students to support their interests on this issue, which is so vital to student parents, and parents-to-be.

It is important that our position is

heard at this meeting: there will be many other issues, justifying the program in light of harsh federal budget cutbacks, the usual cabal of anti-daycare enthusiasts and the very scary attitudes those who think it is unconscionable to extend eligibility to students who "may not be pursuing something practical." This is an issue of discrimination and must not get lost in the shuffle.

We, members of the Daycare Committee of the Graduate Student Association, will attend this public meeting, and urgently request the support of students and their families. Please contact the GSA office (885-1211 ext. 3634) for more information.

Daycare Committee
GSA, UW:
Stephanie Mehta
Wendy Ewara
Annie Steinhauer
Brad Kuntz

Dear Spoke,

Congratulations!

You have reached an all-time low, in our view, of being a respectable, journalistic medium. Not only do you print cartoons with no humor value, but the March 12 edition showed unbelievable bias—on the first day of elections no less.

What did you hope to achieve? Were you trying to shame people out of voting for Steve Roth? What is the problem with making yourself known to the school population by appealing to our sense of humor?

You chose to attack the one candidate whose campaign showed any sign of creativity.

Come on, Spoke. Stop abusing your position on campus. Steve Roth is on the same level as the students and was Conestoga's only hope for an accessible and effective DSA.

Stephen Cottrell and Wes Reimer, second-year Broadcasting students

Editors note:

We had no hidden agenda for running the cartoon. If you had examined the opinion pages of the paper more carefully you would have noticed that we also printed a letter to the editor which contained comments about John Lassel that were less than complimentary.

Both of these pieces were submitted by students who wished to voice their OWN OPINION.

As Broadcasting students you should realize that the purpose behind editorial/opinion pages is to elicit response and comment from the public and to provoke thought. If you are not aware of this then perhaps it would be an enlightening exercise for you to examine the print media further.

In closing, we thank you for your comments. We will continue to welcome letters to the editor and even cartoons.

Ed.

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Poll spins out extra profit

By Jo-ann Vasselin

Grown men have been reduced to tears upon hearing the familiar whirring sound of Sharon Poll's spinning wheel.

"It is mostly European men who will have tears because of the memories evoked from the sound of the wheel," said Poll.

Poll, who works at the Employer Centred Training (ECT) department of Conestoga College in Cambridge, spins her own wool using anything from sheep's wool to rabbit fur.

And, should you want a sweater made from Fido's fur, Poll can do that, too.

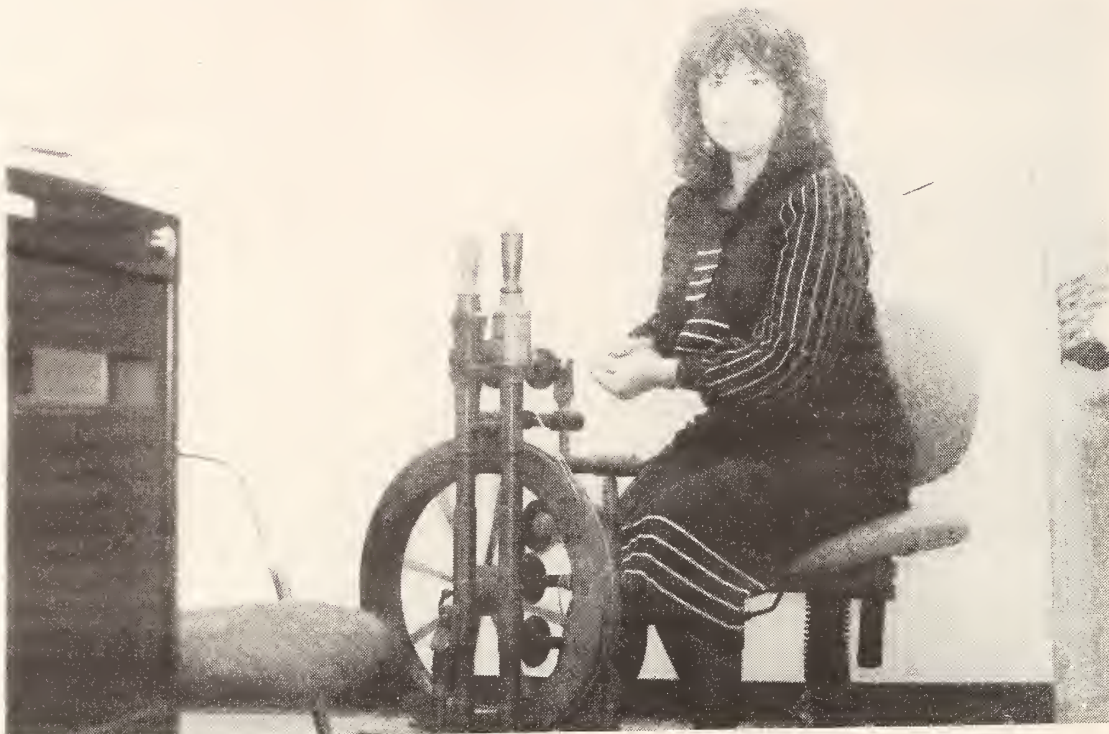
Poll, who custom knits, used to buy her wool from the store but that wool was not providing the quality her customers were demanding. Besides, Poll wanted to do something that most people wouldn't.

The petite brunette, who is known for her "good hand for spinning," explains the steps involved.

"First, you have to go to the farmer and pick which sheep you want sheared for wool. To determine a good, choice wool, you have to pull apart the wool on the sheep and if it is discolored, you can tell if the sheep is on medication or bleached by the sun," she said.

"Second, you can tell by the wavy strands of wool whether it is soft or not. The more waves, the softer the wool."

According to Poll, the finer and softer the wool, the more air collects in it when she is spinning, which in turn, produces a finer and



Sharon Poll demonstrates how to spin wool.

(Photo by Jo-ann Vasselin/Spoke)

softer quality sweater.

The third process involves carding. Poll takes two oversized, wire brushes, which look like dog brushes, and in a back and forth motion, removes the dirt from the wool. The hunk of wool are ready to be spun.

What results after carding is a mass of fibres that look like cotton candy. From this mass Poll pulls out a little piece of wool to roll and then attaches it to the spinning wheel. As the wool goes through her hands, she twists it.

"At first, you watch everything, but then it becomes a feel through

your hands of the wool, and the wheel's rhythm and speed," Poll said.

There is a pedal at the bottom of the wheel and, like a sewing machine, it is pumped with the foot. With that action the wheel rotates once and the spindle which holds the wool will rotate, depending on the size of the wheel, anywhere from five to 29 times. The smaller the spinning wheel, the fewer the rotations on the spindle.

Up until two years ago, spinning wool and knitting was a full-time career for Poll.

The Cambridge native loves her hobby, but "you never get your money back." Poll said that is one of the reasons she accepted her position as administrative assistant to Vicki Keller, the co-ordinator of the Interactive Video Instruction (IVI) department at the ECT.

Poll said her job is rewarding. However, she admits she still goes to bed thinking of new designs for her sweaters.

Her husband and two grown children are used to Poll's obsession for spinning and the three shelves of patterns and four spinning wheels.

Board sees members

By Brian Brodersen

The Board of Governors meeting February 26 saw the addition of three new members.

The new members are Wayne Samuelson, Jennifer Horner, and Don Roberts.

They will replace Linda Ham, who quit after four years service as she has taken a new job in London as Executive Director of Community Family Violence Services; Jim Finamor, who had served the maximum of two three-year terms; and the late Leonard Smith.

Samuelson is president of the Waterloo Region Labor Council and works at B.F. Goodrich. Roberts works for Solar Computers of Cambridge Ltd., and Horner is an accountant.

BOG members are volunteers. They are chosen on the basis of their individual expertise, college needs and are supposed to represent major sectors of the community.

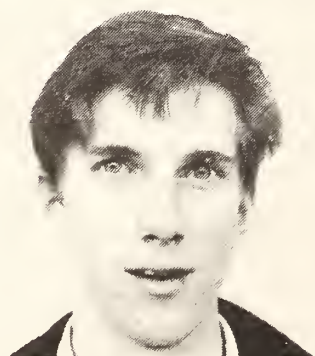
Linda Webb, executive assistant to college president John Tibbits, said new members are chosen "from a very wide network."

Nominations are sent to the BOG from such groups as college advisory committees, outside municipal bodies, or step forward themselves to volunteer their services.

Nominations are then sent to the Council of Regents, who formally appoint the new members.

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Athlete of the Week



Hockey goaltender Marc McCallum, a Waterloo native, is Conestoga College Athlete of the Week for the week of Mar. 5. A steady, often brilliant performer all season, McCallum turned in probably his finest effort of the year last Saturday, blanking Penn State University 2-0 in the semifinals of the International Collegiate Hockey League championship tournament. The following day, in the finals, McCallum put forth his usual outstanding effort, but came up short as Conestoga lost the title game 5-3 to a strong, veteran squad from Niagara College. A second-year student in the Business Administration-Marketing program at Conestoga's Doon campus, McCallum was named to the ICHL second-team all-stars.



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Intramural team of the week



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Passenger rail service dying

By Brian Brodersen

The problems and inconveniences anyone experiences who travels VIA Rail are not the result of stupidity and incompetence. They are part of a deliberate strategy to wind down passenger rail service in Canada, a local activist said in a speech at Conestoga College's Doon Campus March 9.

Jo Davis was on campus to promote her book, *Not a Sentimental Journey: What's Behind the VIA Rail Cuts and What YOU Can Do About It*. She spoke to four classes and a small group of teachers and students in room 1C13 and provided some startling facts about Canada's passenger rail service.

"VIA was created as a sop to CN and CP, who were upset about the Crow rate (the low rate promised farmers to haul their grain east to market)," said the former TVO documentary filmmaker.

"It was created to relieve them of the burden (of having to carry passengers) they saw as marginal and unprofitable."

She added CN still sees passengers as a nuisance and would like to see them gone.

CN has the final say over scheduling of passenger routes, as their tracks are used by VIA (after charging exorbitantly high rental fees), Davis said. CN gives freight trains first priority, often leaving VIA trains waiting on sidings for hours, leaving passengers to deal with frustrating and unexplained delays.

She said VIA was never intended to be profitable, adding that no transport system anywhere in the world turns a profit without government subsidies, including trains, trucks, shipping and airlines.

She said the notion that trains had to be profitable surfaced in the 1960s, under Prime Minister Lester Pearson. It was eventually written into the national transport act that any line that proved to be uneconomic could be shut down.

"Why should it be economic?" she asked. "It's a public service, not a business!"

She painted a picture of an uncaring bureaucracy, run by mandarins with backgrounds in air transport.

She claimed there is an institutional bias that is hostile to rail transport at the Ministry of Transport. The section in charge of

rail policy is disproportionately small, she said, and those in charge of VIA are uncaring and lazy, having gotten their jobs as patronage plums.

Part of the problem, she said, is there are lobbies from all sectors of the transport industry, all clamoring for money, and VIA simply has no heavy hitters.

In fact, she claimed just before the spending cuts were announced, government funding for advocacy groups favoring passenger service was cut. According to people she interviewed for her book, they were told the cuts were to prevent organized opposition to VIA cutbacks.

Davis edited the book in three months, so it would be out at the same time the VIA cuts were finalized. It cost her \$25,000 out of her own pocket to publish the book.

"If it hadn't sold, I would have lost my house," she said.

Locally the book is available at Words Worth Books, Provident Books, at the University of Waterloo bookstore, and soon at W.H. Smith. It costs \$9.95.

Questionnaire asks students opinion on residency

By John Ruetz

The Board of Director's feasibility committee which is investigating student response for both a residence and an activities building at Conestoga's Doon campus plan to circulate a questionnaire to gather student opinion.

Questions will ask for the number of students who moved to the area specifically to attend college, ask if they would utilize a residency and activities building and what types of services they would expect in both.

B.O.D. members are being assisted by Bob Neath, manager of recreational services. He has begun to research the college's options regarding land availability and the different types of residence facilities other colleges operate.

"Land is not a problem for Conestoga," said Law and Security

student Virginia Hall of the residence committee.

The province decided last year to give community colleges the right to construct residences if desired. Student activity centres were not prohibited.

"So many colleges are becoming aware of their options and are starting to look into it," said Hall.

Three probable sites for a new student residence and activities buildings include: six acres bordered by Doon Valley Drive, Conestoga College Drive and Pinnacle Drive; the field area between the tennis courts and wooded area by the recreation centre; and 11 acres from the technology wing over to the Doon Valley Golf Club.

A \$5.5 million estimate was given for constructing a residence based 300 bed occupancy. No cost estimates were given for an activities building.



Jo Davis was on campus to promote her book.
(Photo by Brian Brodersen)

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March 19 - 23



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Unusual stage antics make Carbone a hit

By Tara Ziemanis

Here's a riddle. What entertainer sports a straightjacket, gives kissing tips to a stuffed rabbit named Spot and forces unsuspecting audience members to hold burning objects?

For students who may have

missed Conestoga College's March 6 nooner, his name is Mike Carbone.

Billed by the DSA as a comedian/musician/fun guy, Carbone managed to convince the Conestoga crowd that he was, indeed, all three.

The 45-minute nooner was jam-

packed with card tricks, rabbit tricks, straightjacket escapes, and of course, laughs.

Carbone enlisted the aid of three audience members during his act. One of the most entertaining moments came in an unrehearsed exchange between the comic and a student volunteer who, when asked to read the serial number off a \$10 bill, responded with, "10".

Carbone's stage patter was unarguably smooth. A typical exchange: "Have you ever done a trick with a rabbit?"

"No."

"This is a special day for you, isn't it."

Carbone, 32, hails from Sudbury, Ont. He admits he has been polishing his act since he was 15, when he began entertaining at children's parties.

He said he "really developed" his material while attending Carleton University in Ottawa (he has a B.A. in Psychology), where he worked the comedy club circuit.

In addition to performing, Carbone has worked in the Sudbury nickel mines, and in an advertising agency.

"Now I make my living going from stage to stage embarrassing people," he said.

His approach to comedy has always involved audience participation.

"I like to talk to the audience, and build a rapport."

He recently returned from a tour of the Middle East, where he entertained Canadian peace-keeping troops. He referred to it as "doing the Bob Hope thing".

Carbone's future plans include visiting troops situated at the North Pole, where, judging from the crowd response at Conestoga, he'll have no problem getting a warm welcome.

Puerto Plata provides students with march break

By Stephanie Donkers

Although the college faculty strike last November deprived Conestoga College students of their spring break, nearly 60 people decided to take a vacation anyway.

College students and a few others not in college, enjoyed a week-long trip to Coftambar, Puerto Plata.

Cheryl Davenport, Doon Student Association's activities co-ordinator, selected a package deal from Adanac Tours. The package included return air fare, hotel accommodations at Ifaeella Apartments, free watersports such as windsurfing and paddleboats, and three meals a day.

Breakfast and dinner was served at the hotel. However, the agency provided a list of restaurants in the area.

The total package was \$629, including \$100 for hotel tax and services and \$30 departure tax.

Most of the participants were from the Doon campus. However, a few from other campuses attended. People who heard about the vacation from college students were also welcome.

Adanac Tours also provided sight-seeing tours at an extra cost for those wishing to go.

"It wasn't a structured day to day trip. It was a vacation," Davenport said.

Though Davenport did not go herself, she said the "feedback was excellent." She said those who went "loved" the destination and the hotel.

Gary Gornik, a third-year technology engineering student, said the trip was "sometimes relaxing, sometimes hectic".

"It was an eye-opener to a different culture. There were no rules," he said.

Gornik said beer could be bought at the corner store.

"Drinking age was 65 pounds or heavier," he joked.

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BRT chooses class president

By Bridget Bryans

Laurie B. Simpson was chosen by first-year broadcasting, radio and television students as their class president on Feb. 2, because, "They know I want to be involved," she said. "I would like my voice to represent theirs on the (DSA) Board of Directors."

Simpson, originally from Ridgeway, near Chatham, is a 26-year-old first-year student at Doon campus.

Before coming to Conestoga, Simpson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Wilfrid Laurier University, majoring in English and psychology.

She said university opened her eyes to the so-called women's issues.

During a sociology course, her class was shown statistics from

1983 that stated women earn 65 cents to every dollar earned by males.

"Before that, I thought the battle for equality had been won. I was wrong; it's only just begun."

"The first Ontario pay equity report states that the figure in 1987 was 65.9," said Simpson. "Before any changes can be made, people need to be educated as to what's happening."

Simpson chose the broadcasting program because she is a performer. She has written and sings her own songs and has already "cut a couple of demo tapes" and appeared on a musician's union program for young performers on Rogers Cable TV.

"Music is a financially unstable life. I want to earn a living in this business. Therefore, I need professional skills," she said.

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Program ensures safety and training

By Mike Stumpf

Hidden behind the high-tech glamor of the D.B. Deitweiler Electrical Skills Centre at Conestoga College, lies a unique program which attempts to ensure safety in the multi-million dollar construction industry.

Instructor Roy Kummu said the electrical construction maintenance program teaches new developments in the construction field while cleansing students of old habits taught to them by older tradesmen.

Kummu said the focus of the program is to prevent "shoddy workmanship", which he demonstrated by telling of a picture he had which shows the poor electrical layout of a building in Kitchener.

Kummu said the program prepares apprentices for commercial and residential construction, plus additional training in buzzer, bell and chime wiring.

"We do some of that here," Kummu said.

"It was one of the first programs offered by Conestoga College when it opened in 1968, almost 23 years ago," Kummu said.

"We have more students now than ever," he said.

There are currently 128 students in the program, which is divided into basic, intermediate and advanced levels.

All the students are employed outside the college, but the Ministry of Labour pays for the course.

Kummu said the program

originated in portables where the college administration building now sits.

It was relocated to the main building of the college until the construction of the Dietweiler Centre in 1985, where it was again forced into the two 50-foot corrugated metal sheds it now occupies, due to lack of floor space.

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Detweiler receives donation

By Mike Stumpf

The Detweiler Centre at Conestoga College's Doon campus has received donations of a motor and supplies worth almost \$2,000 in the last two weeks, the co-ordinator for the electrical skills apprenticeship program said Friday.

George Woods said the donation of an adjustable speed clutch assembly and a large amount of high quality copper wire will help the centre keep its costs down.

"It really helps us out on our budget," Woods said.

Labatt's donated the clutch assembly to the college Feb. 23 after it was discovered in the basement of the company's brewery on William Street in Waterloo.

Ken Horsley, a representative from Labatt's, said the machine had been sitting around for close to 18 years, almost the amount of time he has been employed by the company.

"We thought it might be of some use to the students," Horsley said.

George Woods said the clutch assembly is used to control the speed of a machine to synchronize it with another, allowing assembly lines to function properly.

"It would be worth \$2,000 if you were to buy one," he said.

Although it is rusty and covered in dust, the assembly will be taken apart and used in experiments by the electric motor and apparatus rewinding and repair apprenticeship students.

The assembly weighs close to 350 pounds and had to be moved to the floor by crane.

Canada Wire and Cable gave the centre almost \$2,500-\$3,000 worth of copper wire on Mar. 3, continuing a relationship the centre has with outside industries, who hope to gain sales as well as graduates by supporting college programs, Woods said.

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4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Men's Intramural Basketball

4 - 6 p.m. Practice for Women's Ringette (Extramural)

Tuesday

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Contact Hockey continues

6 - 8 p.m. Men's & Women's Volleyball

Wednesday

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Contact Hockey Semi - Finals

6:30 - 10:30 p.m. Intercampus Co-ed Volleyball Tournament (Playoffs)

Thursday

4 - 7 p.m. Non - Contact Hockey

Friday

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Women's Extramural Ringette Tournament at Conestoga Recreation Centre

Saturday

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